

## Rhode Island Democrats.

An Associated press dispatch, under date of Providence, R. I., March 10, says: The democratic state convention assembled here today to name eight delegates to the national convention at St. Louis. This was not only the first state gathering of democrats to choose delegates to take part in the nomination of a presidential candidate in the 1904 campaign, but was of interest also because of a struggle which had developed between two wings of the party over the question of instructing the delegates whom to support as presidential nominees.

One faction, headed by George W. Greene, member of the national committee, and John J. Fitzgerald of Pawtucket, democratic leader in the state house of representatives, demanded that the delegates be instructed to favor William R. Hearst of New York. The regular state organization, through Patrick Henry Quinn of Warwick, its chairman, opposed an instructed delegation. Chairman Quinn was supported by Colonel Samuel R. Honey of Newport, leader in the Cleveland campaigns.

No sooner was the convention organized than a wrangle arose over the seating of contested delegations. A test of strength of the opposing parties resulted in the seating of the Fitzgerald-Greene delegates.

Mr. Quinn, seeing that his side was in the minority, announced that he would not name a candidate for permanent chairman. The Fitzgerald candidate, Mayor Higgins of Paw-

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SUFFERING FROM SUNBLINDNESS.

tucket, was then chosen by a unanimous vote.

The election of delegates to the St. Louis convention was next in order. R. B. Comstock nominated a ticket headed by Mayor Augustus Miller of Providence on behalf of the faction opposing an instructed delegation. Mr. Comstock declared that the nomination of Mr. Hearst would be infamous. This statement was so vigorously hissed that the chairman was compelled to interfere. A list of delegates, headed by Messrs. Fitzgerald and Greene, also was placed in nomination.

The ballot for delegates resulted in the election of five of the Fitzgerald-Greene delegates and three of the Quinn-Honey party. The delegates were not instructed, but Fitzgerald formally announced that he favored the nomination of William R. Hearst for president.

The Fitzgerald-Greene candidates were elected by a vote of 127 to 93. The other members of the delegation were chosen by acclamation.

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